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During the first half of the Five-Year Plan the goal for increasing the number of cattle was surpassed by 6.9 percent. Goals for increasing the number of other stock were also surpassed.

Mountain pastures are being surveyed in all the republics with the view of establishing livestock farms. The large grass steppe in Kipres is becoming a giant stock-raising region. Several hundred thousand head of various livestock, including 113,000 sheep on mountain livestock farms in Serbia alone, will be artificially inseminated this year.

Greater attention is being given to the health of cattle.

HEMP CROP PROMISES LARGER YIELDS -- Borba, No 192, 14 Aug 49

Hemp has grown well in Serbia this year. In the Vojvodina alone, over 60,000 hectares of hemp are being grown, or over 80 percent of the total area planted in hemp in Serbia. The average yield will reach about 70 metric centners per hectare in Srem and the Banat and 80 in the Backa.

In the Pomoravlje, the Podrinje, and around Leskovac, much better yields of hemp are expected than last year.

The hemp harvest will begin late in August. The chief problem is the shortage of manpower. Insofar as possible, machinery will replace the old method of cutting hemp with sickles. Farm workers' cooperatives with a large area planted in hemp and insufficient reapers will receive help from the state farms, which did not plant hemp this year. Private farmers who have smaller hemp plantings will share their machinery with larger private producers who have insufficient machinery and manpower.

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